UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: SAC, DALLAS (100-10461)

DATE: 12/30/63

FROM: Supv. KENNETH C. HOWE

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka
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Re memo from SA IVAN D. LEE, 12/28/63.

On 12/29/63, I recontacted Mrs. RUTH PAINE by telephone. She said the reporter involved was LONNIE HUDKINS of the Houston Post, and he did call back to see her on the afternoon of 12/28/63. Miss PAINE furnished the following information.

Hudkins referred to an article which he said had appeared in the New York Times of either 12/27 or 12/26/63. This article conjectured that LEE OSWALD probably made a deal with the U. S. Government to work in its behalf in anti-subversive endeavors in return to being granted permission to return to the United States. The article reportedly goes on to bring out that OSWALD probably was not being watched any more closely than he was by the FBI because OSWALD was working for or on behalf of the Government.

In the same regard HUDKINS brought up that a "socially prominent woman" (not further identified), for whom OSWALD's mother had worked in Fort Worth about a year or so ago, was supposed to have been told at that time by the mother that LEE was doing important anti-subversive work for the Government.

HUDKINS' primary purpose in seeing RUTH PAINE was in an effort to get some confirmation, if possible, of the possibility OSWALD was actually working on behalf of the U. S. Government, prior to the assassination. Mrs. PAINE told him she knew of no such situation, and ventured the opinion to HUDKINS that the story was highly unlikely since she could not imagine anyone having that much confidence in OSWALD.

Mrs. PAINE does not know whether HUDKINS plans to publish anything on the above, but is of the opinion, lacking confirmation of the above story, he will not.

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